



# Bayfield Ratepayers Association

**Annual General Meeting - August 3, 2013, 10 am at the Community Centre (2nd Floor)**

**Draft Minutes - prepared by Ainslie Willock in September 2013**

**Board Members Present:** Ainslie Willock, President; Paul Hill, Vice President; and Carol Thornley-Hall, Director of Art and Culture.

**Meeting called to order at 10 a.m.** Everyone welcomed & Board Members introduce themselves.

1. **Membership Quorum:** with proxies - Quorum of 25 voting members met

**Also in attendance & Speaking:** Mayor Dowson; Councillor Geordie Palmer; Councillor-at-Large Tyler Hessel; Roger Lewington, Bayfield and Area Chamber of Commerce & BRA Member; Sondra Buchner Past BRA Director, BRA Member & Community Safety Zone Lead; Scott Bradford, BRA Member & Main Street Web Design, Designer of BRA's new web site.

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2. **Carol Thornley-Hall** thanked Mayor and Council and everyone responsible for our new Library, Post Office, Public Washrooms, Archives & Old Library; and the Optomists' Splash Pad.

3. Councillor Geordie Palmer & Councillor at Large Tyler Hessel each addressed the members followed by Mayor Dowson.

**Councillor Palmer** discussed the updated Bluewater's Facility Review and noted that it was available on Bluewater's website See presentation here: <https://bluewater.civicweb.net/Documents/DocumentList.aspx?ID=3615> and Council Facility Review Meeting Minutes here: on **page 11 etc.** of 60 pages "Special Council Meeting Facility Review Draft Minutes July 30, 2013": <https://bluewater.civicweb.net/Documents/DocumentDisplay.aspx?Id=3564>. It was at this meeting/presentation that the decision was made to sell Bluewater's Equipment Facility in Bayfield. It was also at this meeting that it was determined that the number of hours that the ice is used at the Arena is too low to maintain. A Committee of Council has been formed to determine how to proceed, at the end of this winter season.) Bluewater is waiting for completion of water installation & billing prior to determining costs for Ratepayers. Work will be done to stabilise the bank at the Lake end of Bayfield Terrace likely this winter.

We expect a storm water management report for the Village to be ready by the end of Nov. This Environmental Assessment/Report will be good for 10 years to allow time for us to find funding to implement report's recommendations on Main St. only, at this time.

**Councillor Hessel** talked about the importance of the Facility Review to get the best use of tax dollars.

**Mayor Dowson** told us how pleased he was with the opening of the New Library and the Splash Pad. He also let us now about the go ahead for a new building for Foodland at the south end of Bayfield on the Hwy #21. The Mayor told us that he voted against selling Bluewater's Equipment Facility in Bayfield, as residents hadn't had time to comment. There was some discussion from the floor about centralising of municipal equipment at the Varna Complex.

#### **Housekeeping:**

**Moved by Paul Hill and 2nd by Ainslie Discussion:** none - that the **Agenda be accepted. Carried.**

**5. Moved by Paul 2nd by Ainslie Discussion: none** that the **Minutes of the of the Annual General Meeting August 4, 2012** prepared by Ainslie Willock be accepted. See here: [http://bra.camp8.org/Resources/Documents/BRA\\_2012Aug\\_AGM\\_Minutes.pdf](http://bra.camp8.org/Resources/Documents/BRA_2012Aug_AGM_Minutes.pdf) **Carried.**

**6. Business arising from the 2012 AGM Minutes None.**

**7. Moved by Paul seconded by Ainslie Discussion None** that the **Minutes of the July 6, 2013** Monthly Board meeting be accepted. See:[http://bra.camp8.org/Resources/Documents/BRA\\_DRMinutes\\_July\\_2013.pdf](http://bra.camp8.org/Resources/Documents/BRA_DRMinutes_July_2013.pdf) **Carried.**

**8. Treasurers Report:** Ainslie Willock on behalf of Robyn McClinchey

#### **Statement of Funds as of July 18, 2013**

Operating Fund (#140)	\$ 839.74
Savings Account (#039)	2,274.75
Defense Fund (#047)	956.79
Total:	\$4,071.28

Submitted by Robyn McClinchey Treasurer

**Note:** This report is accurate to the July date. There are upcoming expenses i.e.: new web site (labour, web address, reimbursement for old web site soft ware licensing fees until that contract is cancelled (ASAP)).

**a) Moved by Paul Seconded by Ainslie Discussion: None** - that the Treasures Report & Reviewer Ian Mathew's letter by accepted. **Carried.**

**b) Moved by Paul Seconded by Ainslie Discussion: None** - that Ian Matthew be re-appointed Reviewer for 2013-2014 **Carried.**

**Budget:** We don't have a formal budget because our focus has been to eliminate fixed web expenses. Now that we are close to achieving that goal (down to \$10 per month for server management) we don't foresee upcoming expenses. **Note:** Recent expenditures have been made to eliminate ongoing expenses associated with the old web site. Otherwise, in the past year the Board has only expensed meeting room fees for Sept.-Dec. 2013. We now meet at a local restaurant.

**Note:** Paul Hill has served 2 consecutive - 2 year terms - Paul was sincerely a big thanked for all his work to help the BRA. He advised Ainslie that he'll continue to help the Board/BRA.

## **Reports - Not in order of presentation:**

9. **Paul Hill** introduced us to the BRA's new logo and gave a power point presentation summarising how our taxes have been spent by Bluewater. Please see Paul's Budget presentation on our new web page here: <http://bayfieldratepayers.ca/meeting-minutes> Thank you Paul!
10. **Scott Bradford** introduced us to our new web site: [www.bayfieldratepayers.ca](http://www.bayfieldratepayers.ca) Please check it out. It works well on a range of platforms i.e. tablets & iPads. Canadian Web Hosting based out of Vancouver is hosting it. It can be used as a "Home Page" as there are links there that Villagers use every day. We now have a spot for non-members to subscribe for notices. The membership data is now on a spread sheet and we can email out to members and non-members through our new gmail address. (Thank you to Scott for all his work on the new web site and to Paul for helping with this project as well! And, to Jen Wallace of *The Hive* on Main Street for designing our new logo - see top of the first page.)
11. **Sondra Buchner** updated us on the status of Community Safety Zone (CSZ), Bayfield Tree Project and Communities in Bloom. OPP has verbally told us NO to the CSZ regardless of the support of Council & MTO etc... and reports. We don't meet their criteria either. Sondra to meet with MPP Lisa Thompson for help. Both shoulders of the Hwy through Bayfield are to be paved at the request of the Health Unit to encourage people not to walk on the highway lanes. Councillor Palmer let us know that Council passed \$5,000 to purchase a sign to monitor the speed of traffic so we could get it more often (Note: Labour intensive as it has to be in a secure spot, moved & monitored but it does give us a record of number of cars & speeds.) In October, we should find out the results of the Communities in Blooms Judging. (Mayor indicated that it isn't just about flowers - 80% is in how the community presents itself.) 170 trees have been planted so far by the Bayfield Tree Project 2011 - 2013. They welcome donations and you'll receive a charitable tax receipt: <http://bayfieldtreeproject.com/donate>
12. **Roger Lewington** showed us an enlarged photo of a flooded walkway on Main Street and said that it is important that we have safe walkways. That we've lost 18 trees. As we loose trees the gravel and cars take over the spot. Once the shine is off the apple residents and tourists loose interest. Main Street is a employment driver for Bluewater - just watch all the service trucks in town and see where they're from. Virtual High School is part of the creative new economy. A green plan for Main Street can be cheaper and improve Lake water quality.
13. **Presidents Report: Due to time constraints**, Ainslie Willock deferred addressing the membership on issues of importance to members as identified at 2012's AGM but her prepared presentation will be on our web page at the same time as these Draft AGM Minutes.

14. **Election 2014:** An Election Committee needs to be formed.

### **15. Election of Directors:**

a) **Directors' Nominations for Board of Directors: Reappoint:** Carol Thornley-Hall, Ainslie Willock  
**Proposed by: Dave MacLaren Seconded by: Paul Hill Carried.**

b) **Nominations from the floor: None.**

### **Board Update & Succession Plan:**

**Note:** Our by-laws say that we need 7-12 Directors - we are now down to two: Ainslie Willock & Carol Thornley-Hall. Members are encouraged to step forward to join the Board.

### **Issues and Policy Motions:**

16. **Suggested Industrial Wind Turbines Motion for Premier Wynne:** Ainslie Willock

*“That the Bayfield Ratepayers Association ask Premier Wynne to keep to her promise of only approving IWTs in willing communities. And, that her government implement an energy policy that includes real consultation with municipalities and voters rather than focusing on appealing to the interests of corporations.”*

**Proposed by: Ainslie Seconded by: Carol Discussion None. Carried**

**17. Motion to request bike racks for Howard St. Beach Access and Main Beach**

**Proposed by: Ainslie Seconded by: Dave MacLaren ? Discussion None Carried**

**18. Membership’s Priorities List for 2013-2014**

**Election, Main Street, Facility Review, Watershed Water Quality and Blue Flag.**

**19. Floor opened to Questions and Comments**

**23. Moved by Ainslie, seconded by Paul that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.**

**24. Meeting Adjourned at: 11:30 am**